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VIA FACSIMILE

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**Rc: Dead Creek, Sauget Area 1
Sauget, Illinois**

Dear Mr. Martin:

This firm represents the Village of Sauget, Illinois. We are writing to you regarding the activities that U.S. EPA has proposed to take to dispose of sediments contaminated with PCBs and metals in Dead Creek. It is our understanding from a Fact Sheet published by the U.S. EPA, dated February 2000, that U.S. EPA is in the process of preparing an order to require Solutia, Inc. and others to remove the sediments and place them in what U.S. EPA calls a "permanent disposal site" and a "TSCA compliant cell." This disposal site is proposed to be located partially within the Village and partially within the neighboring Village of Cahokia, Illinois. We understand that the containment cell will cover approximately 5 acres and rise about 25 feet above the ground surface.

We are writing to express the Village's concern that it has not been given an opportunity to fully participate in the process of selecting what appears to be a permanent remedial action that will result in contaminated materials remaining within the Village. Although Solutia, Inc. has provided the Village with some information regarding the construction of the cell, the Village has not been provided with sufficient information regarding the selection of this remedy and the long-term consequences of allowing this containment cell to be constructed within the Village. Therefore, the Village cannot determine whether the interests of its citizens will be protected by this action until it receives additional information.

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The Village would appreciate any assistance that U.S. EPA can provide in obtaining additional information so that it can be more fully informed regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,


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